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LOUIS FAIOLA

COMMISSIONER
FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Louis Faiola was appointed Commissioner with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) on August 6, 2018. After college, Lou was employed by the Avalon Police Department as patrolmen where he stayed until being hired for a sales position with Stroeheim Bread. Lou became involved with the union and was elected shop steward shortly thereafter. In 1995, he was elected to the position of Vice-president for Teamsters Local 463 based in Philadelphia, and in 1999 was elected President, a position he held until 2010. His many duties included contract preparation and first chair negotiations, grievance resolution and community outreach where he created the Labor Education and Awareness Program (L.E.A.P.) to help high school graduates understand the benefits of unionized employment. Commissioner Faiola was also the Chairman of the IBT 463 Severance Fund and Trustee of the IBT 463 Health and Welfare and Pension Fund. He was also a selected member of the Airport Commission, appointed by Mayor John Street.

In 2001, Lou purchased the Powerhouse Gym in Philadelphia. In 2010, he purchased The School of Rock performance art music school and oversaw both operations until 2017. During his tenure at the music school, Commissioner Faiola co-created the non-profit "Bands of Brothers", a music-based web reality series designed to bring awareness for veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. For his work on multiple non-profit projects, Lou was named 2013 Citizen of the Year and Man of the Year in 2014 by Suburban Family Magazine and South Jersey Magazine, respectively.

Commissioner Faiola has been married for 21 years and has twin daughters.